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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

The present invention relates to a *Rosa hybrida* plant.

5       The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WHY NOT  
CHERISE?'.       .

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.  
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Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new  
15 variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I  
am aware, is its dark red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY**

The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

**PLANT**

	Form:	Upright
	Growth:	Very vigorous
15	Size:	Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet
	Foliage	
	Size:	Terminal leaflet length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
20	Quantity:	Usually 5 leaflet leaves
	Color	
	New foliage:	Upper side near 146B; under side near 182C
25	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
	Shape:	Elliptic
	Texture	Upper side smooth, semi-glossy; under side matte
	Edge:	Serrated
30	Serration:	Serrate

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	Petioles:	Top surface color near 146B; Under side near 147C
	Stipules:	Medium
	Auricle:	Small, slightly serrated
5	Rachis:	Smooth
WOOD		
	New shoots	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near <u>137B with anthocyanin blush</u> <u>near 46A</u>
10	Old wood	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 137C
	Flowering stem:	Length about 18 inches
15	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
	Resistance to Disease:	Average
	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun
	Growth habit:	Upright
20	Leaves per stem:	About 7
	Prickles/Thorns:	<del>Triangle shaped thorns, 1/4 inch</del> <del>high, 5/8 inches at base</del> <u>Plant</u> <u>bears both large and small</u> <u>prickles; large prickles about</u> <u>3/16 in., small prickles about</u> <u>1/16 in., randomly distributed,</u> <u>color else-tenear 20D</u>
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FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE		
	Blooming Habit:	Continuous
30	Bud:	About 1 1/2 inches long, 1 3/8 inches wide

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Form: High centered

Color: Before sepals divide color near 46B; when sepals first divide color near 47B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 47D

5 Sepals: Usually 5 per bloom, length about 1 7/8 inch, width about 1/4 inch tapering down to 1/8 inch, top and bottom color from near 143A ~~(top)~~, (tip) to near 143C ~~(bottombase)~~

10 Size: Length in relation to bud about 1 3/8 inches

~~Color: Topside near 158A; bottom near 147B~~

15 Peduncle Typically with numerous acicular projections

Length: About 4 1/2 inches, ~~smooth~~

Strength: Erect

20 Color: Near 139D

Flower

Size: About 5 2/3 inches

Borne: Single

Form: Very high centered

25 Petalage: About 42

Petaloids in center: Few; between 3 to 4, color near 57A

Persistence: Petals do not drop

30 Fragrance: Medium

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Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting

Color

During first 2

5 days: Inner petals at flower center topside near 46C; bottom near 46D; outer petals topside near 47D, bottom near 48C

Base of petals

10 (Point of attachment): Near 2A

General tonality from a distance: Near 53C

Color Change: Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A

15 Petals

<u>Margin</u>	<u>Smooth</u>
Texture:	Thick
Shape:	Oblong, $1\frac{1}{4}$ <del><math>\frac{3}{4}</math></del> inch wide, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch long
Arrangement:	Imbricated
Appearance:	Velvety front, satiny back

**REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS**

Arrangement of stamens,

Filaments and Anthers:

25 Regularly arranged around styles, usually about 110 anthers and filaments

Color: Filaments near 48A; Anthers near 48C

Pollen: No pollen

30 Styles: Medium length; color near 47C

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Hips/Seed Vessels/  
Ovaries

	Shape:	Round
	Size:	Small; about 1/2 inch
5	Color:	Near 140A
	Seeds:	No seeds